GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:360
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2016
Green Train Corridor
Mahato Shri Bidyut Baran;Satav Shri Rajeev Shankarrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of coaches which have already been provided with bio-toilets along with the expenditure involved therein;

(b) whether the Government has recently inaugurated 'First Green Train Corridor namely Rameshwaram-Manamadurai' free from human waste discharge and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set any target for providing human discharge free bio-toilets in all its coaches and if so, the time by which the said target will be achieved;

(d) the total expenditure likely to be expended for the purpose; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for improving cleanliness and to provide hygienic environment to passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 360 BY SHRI SATAV RAJEEV AND SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING GREEN TRAIN CORRIDOR.
a) Approximately 12,000 coaches have been already provided with Bio-toilets for which an expenditure of ? 375 crores approximately has been incurred.
(b) Yes, Madam. Rameshwaram-Manamadurai section has recently been inaugurated on 24.07.2016 as 'First Green Train Corridor' free from human waste discharge. All the passenger coaches running in this section have been fitted with the 'bio-toilets' and no human waste is discharged on the track.
(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Target has been set by Indian Railways to fit bio-toilets in the entire fleet of coaches by the year 2021-22 and the total expenditure of ?3350 crores approximately is likely to be spent for this purpose.
(e) For improving upon the standards of cleanliness and hygienic environment to the passengers in the coaches of trains, schemes like, Clean My Coach, Intensive mechanized cleaning of trains in maintenance depots, On Board House-Keeping Services (OBHS) for cleaning of coaches on run and cleaning attention to trains during their stoppage at "Clean Train Stations" etc. have been launched. Further, Railway has taken various measures for cleanliness of stations, tracks and trains. Measures included special awareness campaigns on proper use of bio toilets in trains, proliferation of efforts to provide garbage bags, provision of dustbins in new sleeper coaches, action on complaints sent through Web/SMS, enforcement of Anti-littering Rules etc. Sardar Patel United Clean India Drive was undertaken in October" 2015 with focus on cleanliness of railway stations and trains. Special intensive cleanliness drives at major stations and awareness campaigns to educate users on cleanliness at stations have also been undertaken by Zonal Railways.
Besides, 44 mechanized laundries have so far been set up at various locations across Indian Railways to provide clean and hygienic bedrolls to the passengers in trains.

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